

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 379
By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Arnold King of
Williamson County on being named Umpire of
the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those individuals who, through their knowledge of and commitment to athletics in Tennessee, have advanced the spirit of cooperation and fair play that defines Tennessee high school sports; and

WHEREAS, Arnold King is one such remarkable individual, having recently been named Umpire of the Year by the United States Specialty Sports Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout the seven-month softball season, Mr. King can be found virtually every night behind the plate of one of Tennessee's finest softball complexes, calling games in Williamson County and across the State; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Williamson County, Arnold King graduated from Charlotte High School, where he excelled in three sports before focusing his remarkable talents on officiating softball games; and

WHEREAS, during his 27-year construction career, Mr. King and his wife ran the Community Recreation Association in Fairview; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the construction industry, Arnold King commenced full-time employment with the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department; he now serves as the Nighttime Supervisor of Athletics, directing all softball operations for the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. King also serves as the State President of the Dixie Youth Softball League, coordinating its annual World Series tournament; and

WHEREAS, demonstrative of his inimitable reputation for officiating excellence, Arnold King was selected to officiate the Men's Softball World Series in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 2002; and

WHEREAS, throughout his officiating career, Mr. King has been known as a man of integrity, seeking only to promote sportsmanship and teamwork in athletics; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor Arnold King for his legion of accomplishments in Tennessee athletics; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Arnold King on being named Umpire of the Year, applaud his work ethic and integrity, and wish him nothing but the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared with this final clause omitted from such copy.